

Lincoln to stink just like the governments of Stalin and Franco. Think about that.

NO APPEASEMENT OR MFN FOR BEIJING

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Madam Speaker, appeasement of dictators is always bad policy. When Neville Chamberlain left Munich after meeting with Adolf Hitler, he said we have "peace in our time." Appeasement is a sign of weakness which only whets the appetite of dictators. Now we want to appease the Communist Chinese dictators once more, and we will lose because of it. I know, I saw first-hand the United States appease Ceausescu when I lived in Communist Romania for 6 years.

After last year's MFN, Beijing's human rights record is even worse. Persecution of Christians has increased. Nuclear weapons transfers are taking place, and slave labor continues.

Are we getting hurt in the trade relationship? We are really getting hurt. It mainly benefits Beijing. In 1995, the United States exported \$11.7 billion of goods to China and we imported \$45.6 billion in return, a colossal trade deficit of \$33.9 billion.

In North Carolina, textile mills and other companies are closing down and people are losing jobs because of slave labor produced goods being dumped on the U.S. market. It is time to look out for America's interest in jobs. No MFN for Communist China.

GRANTING TAX BREAKS TO CORPORATIONS

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLINK. Madam Speaker, we the people of the United States grant tax breaks to people in corporations who donate money to nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit status is granted so that services can be provided to the public. That means the public at large and where need occurs, with no regard to what political party you may or may not belong to.

Well, now this week there comes evidence in virtually every major newspaper in this country that the Speaker of the House of Representatives may have also manipulated a half dozen nonprofit organizations. They say it was in order to funnel \$6 million toward helping the Republican Party gain control of our Government.

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The question is, Is the Speaker guilty of criminal wrongdoing? We do not know, but we do know this. The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct had knowledge of this evidence, in this case, for many months, and they have not taken action.

Now, to our embarrassment, Congress, it is the news media that has taken action, where we in Congress have taken none. The time has come for Congress to clean its own House.

GOVERNMENT IS ALWAYS THERE WHEN IT NEEDS YOU

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, today I call to your attention a study released yesterday by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce regarding the effects of Federal regulations on business.

The results are overwhelming.

One in six survey respondents reported having to lay off employees in order to offset the cost of Federal regulation compliance like the minimum wage, OSHA, and environmental laws.

Only 1 in 10 respondents said they had ever learned about a new Federal regulation from the agency that enacted it. In other words, "We'll come up with whatever we want, and it's your job to find out what that is."

Forty-four percent of the respondents who currently do not offer employee benefit plans said they would if Federal regulations were not so confusing.

Madam Speaker, I commend the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for conducting this study and I look forward to working with them and other Members of this body to get some commonsense reform to our heavy-handed regulatory process.

Some regulation is necessary but we have carried it to ridiculous levels. It is time for a change, Madam Speaker. It is time to unleash the potential of our economic system to create a better life for American workers.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES ARE COVER FOR LAUNDERING POLITICAL DONATIONS

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONIOR. Madam Speaker, yesterday, the L.A. Times reported that from 1984 to 1994, GOPAC ran a massive, \$6 million tax fraud scheme that used six different nonprofit organizations as cover to defraud U.S. taxpayers and funnel money to its own political machine.

These are organizations that claimed to be involved in charitable activities—like helping inner-city youth and teaching kids to read through programs like Earning for Learning.

But in reality—the L.A. Times says—these were just a cover, part of a conspiracy to launder political donations and fuel a partisan, political agenda.

Madam Speaker, this cesspool has gone on long enough.

First, we had a \$10 to \$20 million GOPAC slush fund. Now, we have a \$6 million tax fraud scheme.

We have got to get to the bottom of this. It's time that the individuals responsible for this fraud on American taxpayers are brought to justice and held accountable for their actions.

SUPPORT H.R. 3715, THE LAM DISEASE RESEARCH ACT OF 1996

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about a rare but deadly disease called lymphangiomatosis, or commonly referred to as LAM. The disease is so little known, it is commonly misdiagnosed and we, therefore, lose many opportunities to find a cure for this disease. Currently, it is always fatal.

LAM affects only women, primarily women of childbearing age. Abnormal cells are spread throughout the woman's lungs, making breathing more and more painful and eventually causing death. Most victims of LAM die within 10 years of the onset of the disease.

The Federal Government does all sorts of things it should not do and it wastes literally billions of dollars every year on things like paying big corporations to advertise overseas, paying farmers not to grow crops. There is no legitimate Federal role in things like that, but there is an important Federal role in conducting research on killer diseases such as LAM.

That is why 15 of us, both Democrats and Republicans, have proposed the LAM Disease Research Act of 1996, devoting \$5 million to help fight this disease. We ask our colleagues to join us in supporting this bill.

GOPAC

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, who ran GOPAC from 1984 to 1994? We all know that it was our autocratic Speaker, NEWT GINGRICH, while as a Member of this body ran this very political Republican organization. Where did he get his money? Well, he got a lot of it from tax-exempt organizations, six of them, which he set up, which he ran. They got donations from the public to go to help children, to help college courses, to help learning disabled, and what did he use it for? He used it to elect the Republicans. That is what the Speaker did. It is pure fraud. And what is being done about it? Nothing.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has permitted the special counsel to look into two of those, but not the other four. Why not? It is a coverup, folks. They are taking care of the Speaker. They do not want the American public to know that the Speaker used tax-exempt organizations, defrauded the people who sent the money down there. They thought it